

## **Introduction**

The Southwest Idaho Ecogroup Forest Plan Revision process was set into motion by a Court Settlement with the Payette National Forest. The Boise, Payette, and Sawtooth National Forests decided to complete the revision effort in conjunction with one another to enable them to address ecosystem management across forest boundaries, address many similar issues and concerns, and to complete the NFMA requirement that Forests update or revise their Forest Plans every 10 to 15 years.

The revision process involved the interested parties to help identify significant issues and resource areas needing a change in management direction. The project informed people in a timely manner of information becoming available throughout the revision effort. Traditional (mailings, postcards, newsletters) and non-traditional (Web site, CD Rom) information mediums were used to accomplish the goals of:

- Informing and involving our customers in the Forest Plan revision process;
- Ensuring our customers understand the proposed and selected resource management tools, techniques, and alternatives;
- Ensuring our customers understand the desired conditions established on the Forests; and
- Involving our customers in shaping the Forest Plans.

Another goal of this effort was to inform and involve Forest Service employees during the revision process. This helped ensure understanding and ownership, as well as provide management direction in the Forest Land and Resource Management Plans (hereafter referred to as “Forest Plan” or “Plan”) and Environmental Impact Statement (hereafter referred to as “EIS”) that reflected actual situations found on the Forests.

Coordination, interaction, and consultation occurred with other federal, state, county, and tribal government officials, and with special interest groups, interested individuals, and the general public. Many public meetings, hearings, briefings, conference calls, intergovernmental working meetings, and one-on-one information exchanges were held throughout southern and central Idaho.

In describing this project’s public involvement process, this appendix summarizes activities from inception of the project in 1996, through release of the Final Forest Plans and EIS. A summary of comments received on the Draft Plans and Draft EIS, our response to those comments, significant issues identified, and meetings held are also included.

## Public Involvement Prior to Publishing the Draft Forest Plans and EIS

The first communication strategy developed in 1997 by the Revision Team and Forest Public Affairs Officers was adjusted as timeframes and issues evolved. The following list conveys the key opportunities presented for information sharing, participation, and involvement:

- “*The Planning Post*” was a newsletter to inform people of project mileposts or upcoming events. These newsletters were mailed hardcopy and posted on our Internet website at key points throughout the revision process. The newsletters helped inform people of revision’s progress, public participation opportunities, issues identified, and alternative formulation and evaluation;
- Personal contacts were made with key individuals, organizations, other agencies, Tribal governments, and elected officials to explain the process and receive input;
- News releases and paid advertisements let the public know about the revision process and public participation opportunities;
- Open houses were held to inform the public and receive their issues and comments. They were designed for the public to visit one-on-one with Forest Service specialists conducting the analysis, and to provide information to line officers for decision making;
- Information meetings were held with specific groups, Tribes, and organizations to ensure comments had been incorporated correctly;
- Information meetings were held at project milestones for County Commissioners and Idaho Congressional delegation to provide project updates;
- Information has been made available on the Southwest Idaho Ecogroup Internet page located on the Sawtooth Forest’s website. The website has been used to post information and solicit comments and mailing list updates. Upon release of the Draft Forest Plans and EIS, the Internet site provided people the opportunity to download documents, view alternatives (including maps), and provide feedback. All public released information was posted on the web site;
- Collaboration was used to bring government agencies and individuals together to discuss and better understand the Forest Plan revision process, resource issues, and provide input to help develop alternatives as outlined in the communication plan; and
- Employee briefings provided employees with information on the planning process. Employee work sessions provided information pertinent to developing management direction.

## Key Steps Used to Identify Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

Public participation and involvement was conducted throughout the planning process with emphasis at the following steps:

### Step 1 - The Need To Change the Forest Plans - Preliminary Analysis of the Management Situation

The results from monitoring reports published by the Ecogroup, review of existing documentation, and Forest Service specialist input were used to determine the Need For Change Topics published in the *Preliminary Analysis of the Management Situation Summary (Pre AMS)* (USDA Forest Service 1997). The Need for Change Topics were:

- Topic 1 - Biological Diversity
- Topic 2 - Fire and Smoke Management
- Topic 3 - Habitat Fragmentation and Disruption
- Topic 4 - Non-native Plants
- Topic 5 - Rangelands/Grazing Resource
- Topic 6 - Riparian and Aquatic
- Topic 7 - Timberland Suitability
- Topic 8 - Management Emphasis Areas

Over 850 copies of the *Pre AMS* were sent to individuals on the Forest Plan Revision mailing list. Open houses were held in November 1997 in Boise, Hailey, McCall, and Twin Falls to explain the revision process and the purpose of the *Pre AMS*.

### Step 2 - Initial Scoping

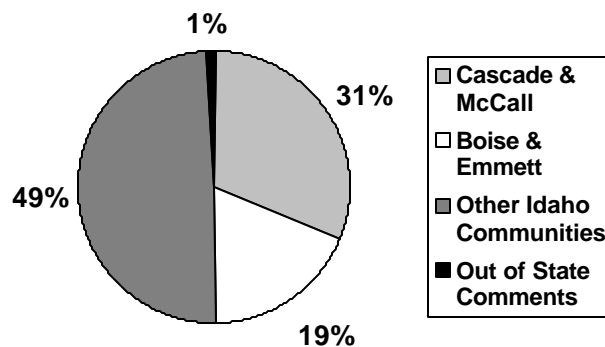
The Notice of Intent (NOI) to revise the Boise and Payette Forest Plans, and amend the Sawtooth Forest Plan, was published in the *Federal Register* on April 24, 1998. Interested parties were provided a 60-day comment period to provide feedback on how they would like to see the Forests managed. Comments were due June 25, 1998.

During the week of May 4, 1998, an NOI summary and listing of public workshop dates and locations was sent to parties on the revision mailing list. In addition, press releases were sent to newspapers, radio and television stations located within the southwest Idaho area. An advertisement was also placed in *The Idaho Statesman*, Boise, to inform people of the upcoming meetings. From May 26 to June 18, 1998, 257 people attended the public workshops held in the following southwest Idaho communities: Boise, Ketchum, Twin Falls, Cascade, McCall, Riggins, Stanley, Council, Garden Valley, Burley, Gooding, Weiser, Mountain Home, Idaho City, and Emmett. At these workshops, attendees received an overview of the planning process, followed by an opportunity to review the proposed action one-on-one with the area District Ranger or Revision Team representative. Individuals who attended the public workshops were added to the revision mailing, if they were not already included, to receive future correspondences. In addition, the Revision Team made itself available, on request, to present the proposed action and answer questions for community organizations and special interest groups.

## Comments Received

In response to the mailing of the NOI summaries and public workshops, 165 comment letters were received. The majority of the responses were from individuals or groups promoting timber harvest and/or grazing followed by letters from individuals concerned with the Luther Heights Bible Camp special use permit. Sixty-eight percent of comments received were generated from four communities: Cascade, McCall, Boise, and Emmett. Figure A-1 depicts the percentages of comments received from various locations.

**Figure A-1. Percent of Public Comments Received From Various Locations in Response to Initial Public Scoping for the No Action and Proposed Action Alternatives**



## Comment Period Extended

On June 25, 1998, the Forests received a copy of a letter from Idaho Congressional Representative Helen Chenoweth and Idaho U.S. Senator Larry Craig to Regional Forester Jack Blackwell requesting a 90-day extension of the public comment period. On June 29, a 60-day extension was granted, extending the comment deadline to August 25, 1998. Letters were sent to individuals on the revision mailing list to notify them of the extension. In addition, press releases and legal notices were issued to media within the Ecogroup area. During the 60-day extension period, 30 additional comment letters were received, bringing the total to 195. The majority of these letters were from Boise, Cascade, and McCall. The remaining comment letters came from various locations in Idaho, Colorado, Nevada, and Minnesota. A press release was issued Friday, August 21, 1998, to remind people of the approaching comment period deadline.

## Step 3 - Sawtooth National Forest Enters Revision

A revised Notice of Intent to revise all three Forest Plans was published in the Federal Register on May 17, 1999.

## Step 4 - Clarifying Information for Development of the Draft Plans and Draft EIS

Numerous meetings were held with various groups, interested parties, and organizations that previously commented. Meetings were held with agencies, Tribes, counties, and congressional representatives to inform them of the status of the Forest Plan revision process. The purpose of these meetings was to verify that the responsible official had correctly incorporated and understood the issues from the initial scoping period, which included the No Action and Current Management alternatives, into alternative development. These meetings took place from June 1999 through August 1999.

The following is a list of meetings/briefings the Forest Service conducted (or were asked to conduct) through development of the Draft Forest Plans and EIS.

Date	Location	Meeting With
<b>Development of the Preliminary Analysis of the Management Situation (Pre AMS)</b>		
1/15/97	Boise, Idaho	Idaho Travel Council
2/19/97	Boise, Idaho	State/Federal Agencies and Tribes
5/10/97	Boise, Idaho	Governor's Conference on Recreation and Tourism
7/14/97	Cascade, Idaho	Valley Co. Commissioners
8/6/97	Boise, Idaho	Office of the Governor
9/22/97	Emmett, Idaho	Gem Co. Commissioners
9/26/97	Boise, Idaho	State/Federal Agencies and Tribes
9/29/97	Weiser, Idaho	Washington Co. Commissioners
10/97	Boise, Idaho	Idaho's Congressional Delegation
10/3/97	Cascade, Idaho	Valley Co. Commissioners
10/14/97	Gooding, Idaho	Gooding Co. Commissioners
10/14/97	Fairfield, Idaho	Camas Co. Commissioners
10/20/97	Council, Idaho	Adams Co. Commissioners
11/10/97	Grangeville, Idaho	Idaho Co. Commissioners
11/14/97	Challis, Idaho	Custer Co. Commissioners
11/18/97	Boise, Idaho	Pre AMS Open House
11/18/97	McCall, Idaho	Pre AMS Open House
11/20/97	Twin Falls, Idaho	Pre AMS Open House
11/24/97	Boise, Idaho	Boise Co. Commissioners
12/8/97	McCall, Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe

Date	Location	Meeting With
<b>Development of the Proposed Action</b>		
2/4/98	McCall, Idaho	McCall Vision 20/20
5/7/98	Boise, Idaho	State/Federal Agencies and Tribes
5/26/98	Boise, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
5/27/98	Ketchum, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
5/28/98	Twin Falls, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/1/98	Cascade, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/3/98	McCall, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/4/98	Riggins, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/8/98	Stanley, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/8/98	Cascade, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/9/98	Council, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/10/98	Garden Valley, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/10/98	Burley, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/11/98	Gooding, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/11/98	Weiser, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/16/98	Mountain Home, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/16/98	Horseshoe Bend, Idaho	Northwest Timber Workers Association
6/17/98	Owyhee, Nevada	Shoshone-Paiute Tribe
6/17/98	Idaho City, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
6/18/98	Emmett, Idaho	Public Comment Period Meeting – Proposed Programmatic Action
9/28/98	Boise, Idaho	National Marine Fisheries Service
11/16/98	Boise, Idaho	National Marine Fisheries Service
12/3/98	Boise, Idaho	National Marine Fisheries Service

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Alternative Development		
1/22/99	Boise, Idaho	National Marine Fisheries Service
3/3/99	Boise, Idaho	National Marine Fisheries Service
3/8/99	Idaho City, Idaho	Boise Co. Commissioners
3/8/99	Cascade, Idaho	Valley Co. Commissioners
4/14/99	Burley, Idaho	Cassia Co. Commissioners – Public Lands Committees
4/15/99	Boise, Idaho	Sierra Club, American Lands Alliance
5/5/99	Boise, Idaho	Wilderness Society
5/12/99	Boise, Idaho	Idaho DEQ
6/14/99	Boise, Idaho	Timber/Grazing Industry
6/14/99	Boise, Idaho	Environmental Organizations
6/15/99	Boise, Idaho	Idaho's Congressional Delegation
6/15/99	Boise, Idaho	State/Federal Agencies and Tribes
6/26/99	Twin Falls, Idaho	Livestock Permittees
6/29/99	Boise, Idaho	Recreation Industry
7/12/99	Idaho City, Idaho	Boise Co. Commissioners
8/6/99	Cascade, Idaho	Boise, Valley, Adams County Commissioners
10/13/99	Boise, Idaho	Area County Commissioners
1/13/00	Boise, Idaho	ICBEMP
3/23/00	Boise, Idaho	Levels 1 and 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS, IDF&G)
8/31/00	Boise, Idaho	Meeting with Idaho Cattle Assn.
9/14/00	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 and 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
11/3/00	Boise, Idaho	Joint Leadership Team Meeting – Release of the Draft documents

## Step 5 - Significant Issues

Comments received during the initial scoping period, meetings with groups, individuals, agencies, Tribes, congressional representatives, county commissioners, and Forest Service specialists were all incorporated to create a list of "significant" issues. (Refer to the project record for additional information.)

Significant issues are unresolved issues used in environmental analysis to formulate alternatives, prescribe mitigation measures, or analyze environmental effects. At the forest planning level, mitigation measures are incorporated into management direction (goals, objectives, standards, and guidelines) or management prescriptions that influence the type, amount, and intensity of management actions that are implemented under the Forest Plan.

**The responsible official selected significant issues for revision based on one or more of the following criteria:**

- Would these issues be used to help develop management alternatives or management direction, or would they be used in the allocation of management prescriptions?
- Would the management alternatives, direction, or prescriptions have discernable effects on the issues or their related resources?
- Would effects to the issues be sufficiently different by alternative to provide the Responsible Official with rationale for choosing a referred or selected alternative?

**An issue “not” considered significant is addressed in one of the following categories:**

- **Dismissed as Issue - Irrelevant:** The issue can be dismissed because either the cause of effect or the resource of concern is absent. For example, the issue of domestic sheep transmitting disease to bighorn sheep may be irrelevant because either domestic sheep (cause) or bighorn sheep habitat (affected resource) are absent.
- **Dismissed as Issue - Outside of Scope:** The issue can be dismissed because it is not within the scope of actions to be considered in alternatives or covered under the Purpose and Need of the Proposed Action.
- **Dismissed as Issue - Beyond Scope:** The issue can be dismissed because it is beyond the Regional Forester's authority to resolve in this specific analysis, or it is better addressed at a different scale or outside of the revision process. For example, it may be used if we receive comments over grazing fees, global warming, etc.
- **Eliminated as Significant Issue - Little or No Effect:** The issue can be eliminated from detailed study (not dismissed) because we know there will be minor or no effects, and can establish this with an explanation based on literature, experience, monitoring or other analysis/information.
- **Eliminated as Significant Issue - Management Direction, Mitigation:** The issue can be eliminated from detailed study because of provisions included in the proposed action and other action alternatives that provide management direction or requirements. This issue may become part of the analysis, particularly as resource protection, but is not the actual issue that is being analyzed for effects.
- **Eliminated as Significant Issue - Affected Environment:** The issue is part of the affected environment and, as such, can be analyzed for effects, but is not actually causing significant effects or effects that change by alternative.



**The significant issues received asked the three Forests to:**

- Support the economic and/or social needs of people, cultures, and communities within ecological boundaries and budget realities when implementing ecosystem management;
- Reconsider the amount of recommended wilderness;
- Review Inventoried Roadless Areas to assess allowable multiple use activities;
- Reassess general management of domestic livestock grazing allotments to ensure ecological integrity;
- Reduce the spread of non-native plants, including noxious weeds, exotic plants, and introduced non-native plants in relation to their influence on vegetative diversity, fire regimes, and hydrologic function;
- Manage riparian areas to meet laws and regulations and maintain healthy aquatic ecosystems;
- Ensure vegetative management practices, such as timber harvest and prescribed fire, utilize and incorporate ecosystem management principles within the boundaries of law and regulation;
- Provide diverse cultural, recreational, and aesthetic experiences while minimizing user conflicts, when possible;
- Emphasize management of National Forest System lands and, when possible, lands under other ownership, to promote the viability of terrestrial and aquatic wildlife and botanical species;
- Ensure ecosystem management practices move National Forest lands towards healthy and diverse forested and non-forested vegetative structure and composition;
- Provide direction on special uses to adequately reflect changes; and
- Address road density and maintenance concerns taking into account budget and regulation constraints.

For further information about all the issues received, please refer to the Issues Resolution Table found in the planning record.

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## Key Steps Used to Identify Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities

### Step 1 – Public Scoping

On November 24, 2000, a Notice of Availability was published in the *Federal Register* announcing the beginning of the public comment period. The public was provided an initial 120-day comment period beginning November 24, 2000, and ending March 16, 2001. During this time, notification of the comment period and participation opportunities was distributed via “*The Planning Post*” to everyone on the revision mailing list. Information regarding the comment period and participation opportunities was also posted on the Forest Plan revision website.

News releases were distributed notifying people of the release and availability of the Draft documents. News releases included:

- November 13, 2000 – “*Proposal for Managing the Boise, Payette, and Sawtooth National Forests Now Available*”
- December 21, 2000 – “*Information Meetings and Hearings Scheduled to Discuss the Proposal for Managing the Boise, Payette, and Sawtooth National Forest*”
- January 2, 2001 – “*Hearings For Southwest Idaho Ecogroup Forest Plan Revision Begin – Ketchum Hearing Location Changed*”
- March 12, 2001 – “*Forest Plan Comment Period Deadline Approaches*”

**Documents were mailed to the following people during the week of November 13, 2000:**

**A**

Abney, Linda  
Adair, David J.  
Adams, Kyle  
Adams, Neil and Catherine  
Addison, Rick  
Adkins, Larry and Shari  
Alexander, Mark  
Allen, Marvin  
Allred, Marlin  
Anderson, Dale  
Anderson, Dan  
Anderson, Helen  
Anderson, Jamie  
Anderson, Jay  
Anderson, Neil  
Anderson, Norm  
Anderson, Richard and Patti  
Anderson, Richard Jr.  
Anderson, Woody  
Archibald, Karma  
Armacost, Bret

**B**

Badley, Steve  
Bailey, Robert  
Baker, Brandt  
Baker, Gene  
Baker, Richard and Betty  
Baker, Tara  
Baker, Wayne and Melody  
Baldwin, J.D.  
Ball, John  
Barenberg, Dave  
Barnes, Paul and Evelyn  
Barnett, Daniel  
Basterrechea, John and Larry  
Baxter, Garth and Maydene  
Bedal, Leilani  
Bell, James F.  
Bench, Melissa

Benoit, Edward L.  
Berton, Mike  
Bertossa, Debbie  
Bettis, Harry  
Bickel, Gary  
Black, Jay and Sharon  
Black, Kenneth  
Blackstead, Rod  
Blackwell, Karolee  
Blackwell, Samuel  
Blake, Ron  
Blum, Jan  
Boehm, Irle  
Bolen, Larry  
Boren, Robert  
Bostwick, Paul and Sherry  
Bott, Homer  
Boucher, Carla  
Bowlden, Gordy  
Bowler, Bruce  
Bradshaw, Walter  
Brady, J. Robb  
Branch, Ric  
Branstetter, Oscar  
Bratley, Ernest Jr.  
Breuer, Ernest  
Breuer, Tim  
Brockman, William  
Brown, Birchie V.  
Brown, Darrel and Ann  
Brown, Dave  
Brown, Heidi  
Brown, Leonard  
Brown, Roger and Carolyn  
Brown, Wallace and Norma  
Bryant, Barry  
Buettgenbach, Howard  
Burgess, Ted and Sharon  
Burkett, Fern and Leo  
Burkhardt, Wayne and Julie  
Butler, Raymond and Esther  
Butler, Wally

**C**

Caldwell, Will  
Callender, Sollie and Susan  
Camp, Jim  
Campbell, Darrell  
Campbell, Lamont  
Carlock, Carroll and Gerald  
Carlson, Dean  
Carpenter, Todd and Robin  
Carpenter, Alvin and Mary  
Carro, Dan  
Carter, Bill and Betty  
Carter, Darrell  
Carter, Harvey A.  
Cartwright, Charles J.  
Casali, Dan  
Caughlin, Drew  
Chadwick, David H.  
Chambers, June  
Chatburn, Jim  
Chester, James  
Christensen, Dave  
Christensen, Doug and Ann  
Christensen, Lyn  
Church, Harvey  
Claassen, D.L.  
Clancy, Gary  
Clark, Don  
Clay, Dick  
Coates, Robert and Lila  
Cobb, John H.  
Collias, Lily  
Conger, David and Mary Jane  
Cook, Nathan  
Cooper, Bob and Marti  
Cooper, Carol  
Copenhaver, Noel  
Cornell, J.R.  
Corum, Tom  
Couper, Charles  
Courtney, Kevin  
Crabb, Louis  
Crabb, Melvin  
Craig, Gay  
Crawford, Bob

Crist, Roger  
Crockett, Cyndy  
Crockett, David and Debora  
Crook, Jeff  
Crowder, Kenneth  
Crumley, Ted  
Cunningham, Marilyn

**D**

D'Amico, Roberta B.  
Daley, Frank  
Daley, Teddie  
Dalrymple, Herb  
Dalrymple, John  
Darrington, Vivian  
Davis, Bonnie  
Davison, Dean  
Day, Ernie  
Deal, Fred  
Dechevrieux, Susan  
DeMasters, Sadie  
DeMeyer, M & A  
DePew, Don  
Detweiler, Mrs. Elmer  
Dick, Stephen  
Dimmett, Keith  
Dodds, Earl  
Domek, Heather  
Donley, Jan  
Dooley, James  
Dotson, Melvin  
Douglas, George  
Dowton, Sydney M and Stan  
Drake, Linda  
Drexler, Larry  
Duel, Thad  
Dugan, Joe  
Duncan, Celestine  
Dunn, Dale  
Durfee, Curtis and Mary  
Durfee, Dean  
Dustin, Anne Lilly  
Dyer, John

**E**

Eben, Bart  
Eberle, Donald and Selma  
Edmiston, Fred L.  
Edwards, Charles  
Eiguren, Terry  
Eliason, David and Gaylynn  
Eliason, Don  
Elieson, Robert  
Ellis, Gwen  
Eno, Frank  
Equisquiza, Bob  
Erickson, Dennis and Pauline  
Erickson, Heidi  
Ethington, Steve  
Everhart, Lyle  
Everly, Clark  
Exeter, Ron

**F**

Fackrell, Scott  
Fairchild, Basil  
Falen, Ken  
Farnham, Todd  
Farris, Doug  
Field, Piper  
Fife, Katie  
Finch, Dean  
Fisher, Harl  
Fisher, James  
Fisk, Larry and Penny  
Flanick, Mike  
Foard, John  
Foruria, David  
Foruria, Eusebio L.  
Foster, Andrea  
Fowles, Ron  
Fradmiser, Steve  
Franklin, Gary  
Franks, Beverly  
Fraser, Penny  
Frasier, Jack  
Freestone, Doug  
French, Tom

Fry, C.Wayne  
Fry, Frank

**G**

Gallant, Fred  
Gallant, Gary  
Gardiner, Golden and Nathan  
Gardner, Dan  
Gardner, Luther T.  
Gardner, Pam  
Garrett, Bill  
Geary, Thomas and Connie  
Gempler, Venetia  
Gerback, Shirley  
Gerhard, Clyde  
Giddings, Ron  
Gillihan, Catherine  
Gogert, Sarah  
Goodrich, Lori  
Goolsby, Lawrence  
Goslin, Chris  
Goss, Doug  
Gossard, Ethel  
Graham, Russ  
Gray, Gene  
Gray, Kevin  
Graybeal, Jetta  
Green, Leslie  
Greenwood, Floyd  
Gronbeck, Don  
Grotbo, Terry  
Gunnell, Leland  
Gustafson, Jim

**H**

Hale, Sharon  
Hammons, Bill  
Hancock, Judith  
Hansen, Cliff  
Hansen, Matt  
Hansen, Roman and Sandra  
Hanson, Dale  
Harding, K and M  
Hardy, Garney

Hardy, Gene  
Harpham, Sam  
Harrington, Dean and Everett  
Harrington, Harvey  
Harrington, John  
Harrington, John and Vera  
Harrison, Judy  
Harshfield, Larry and Janet  
Hartung, Mary  
Hartz, Ken and Bernie  
Haslemann, Suzanne  
Hass, Bill  
Hass, Ed  
Hass, James  
Hastie, Jim  
Hausrath, Alan R.  
Hawker, Fred and Joan  
Hayes, Justin  
Haynes, Joe  
Hayward, Louis  
Heaton, Kim and Jeanette  
Heckathorn, Bruce  
Helm, Calvin  
Henderson, Earl  
Henderson, John D.  
Herrick, Joe  
Herrington, Ruth  
Hess, Randy  
Higgins, Pat  
Himes, Vernon and Roxie  
Hinck, Troy  
Hines, James  
Holly, Raymond H.  
Holmes, Jim  
Holt, Brad  
Hon, James  
Hood, Chauncey  
Hooper, John  
Hoopes, Jerry E.  
Houston, Sam  
Howland, Ronald  
Hubbell, Joel  
Hull, John  
Hull, Pat  
Hummel, Kay  
Hurd, Carey

Hymas, Forrest and Cheryl

## **I**

Ireland, Elmer  
Irons, Roy  
Irwin, Leonard and Leslie

## **J**

Jackson, Russell J.  
James, W.  
Janss, Peter  
Jenkins, Mel  
Jenkins, Ralph  
Jennaro, Jerald and Joseph  
Jensen, Rick  
Jerofke, Richard  
Jenkins, Mel  
Johnson, Dan  
Johnson, Jon  
Johnson, Roy  
Johnson, Stan  
Johnston, Lynn  
Jones, Brent  
Jones, Patty  
Jorgensen, Jan Lee

## **K**

Kaiser, Steve  
Keithley, Howard Jr.  
Kemery, Tim  
Kempton, Larry  
Kerley, Kathy  
Kerschner, Ed  
Kimball, Charles and Roma  
Kincade, Larry and Darlene  
Kinzel, Kevin  
Kirkpatrick, Stanley  
Knudson, Gregory  
Kress, P. Eugene  
Kress, Ronald and Judith  
Kronenberg, Debra  
Kunzler, Bert and Bernice  
Kwader, John

**L**

Laird, Harold  
Lamb, Jack W.  
Lambert, Cindy  
Lancaster, J.W.  
Lancaster, James C.  
Land, Frank  
Landis, Diana  
Larson, Gale  
Larson, K.  
Larson, Royce and Susan  
Lavin, John J.  
Le Favour, Nicole  
Leatham, Barbara  
Lee, Cliff  
Legg, Kathleen  
Legg, Ronnie R.  
Lemberes, Scott  
Lewinski, John  
Liddiard, Ed  
Lieder, Ruth  
Little, Mike  
Long, Emily  
Longpre, Janice  
Lovingfoss, Walter  
Lundquist, Ron  
Lundy, Harold  
Luther, C.M.

**M**

MacKenzie, Charles and Connie  
Madden, John  
Maddox, Dwight  
Mahoney, Daniel J. III  
Malany, Herb  
Manning, Robert and Deann  
Marchant, Gerald and Celia  
Marcum, Dirk  
Marks, Marie  
Marshall, Aaron  
Martindale, Cindy  
Marzinelli, Evelyn  
Mathews, Pete  
Mathews, Ennis and Mabel

Mathews, Eugene and Heidi  
Maw, Edward C.  
Maxey, J. Edith  
McCaulou, Harry  
McConnel, Sharon  
McCoy, H.L.  
McDermottroe, Steve and Valerie  
McGlinsky, Al  
McGrew, John  
McKinney, Mike  
McPherson, Don  
McRae, Robin  
Mead, David  
Medberry, Mike  
Mehl, Carolyn  
Meier, Dennis  
Mellos, Chris  
Merrick, Opal  
Meyer, Richard  
Miller, Clay and Robert  
Mitchell, Dick  
Moll, Lee  
Montgomery, Red  
Montgomery, Robert F.  
Moosman, Lynn  
Moran, John and Carole  
Morris, LeGrande  
Morris, Randall E.  
Morrison, Stuart and April  
Morrow, Donald  
Mulligan, Mike  
Mummey, Liz  
Munkres, Mike  
Murphy, Dorothy

**N**

Nash, Tyrone O.  
Nelson, Charles G.  
Nelson, Gary and Paula  
Nelson, Jayson  
Nelson, Norman  
Newman, Leon  
Newton, Larry  
Neznanski, Larry  
Nickels, Carl



Nielson, Roger  
Nitzel, Don  
Nybakken, Gerald

## **O**

O'Brien, Fred  
Oberbillig, H.H.  
Ogle, Delbert  
Olano, Jose Luis  
Oloff, Jerry  
Olsen, Carol  
Olsen, David  
Olson, Marilyn  
Olson, Robert  
Oman, Keith and Camille  
Oman, Milton and Marsha  
Onaindia, Joe  
Orr, Michael  
Ottley, Merlin and Yvonne

## **P**

Paradis, Sue  
Parke, Glen and Ada  
Pattan, George  
Patterson, Steve  
Payne, Gary  
Pearce, John M.  
Pence, Lew  
Percy, Stephen and Helen  
Perfect, Harold  
Perkins, Marvin  
Persha, Gene  
Peterson, Chris  
Peterson, Guy  
Peterson, Matt  
Peterson, Robert  
Phillips, Frank  
Phillips, Roger  
Phillips, Wendell M.  
Pierce, Dale  
Pilcher, Stan  
Pillers, Mickey  
Pinkham, Allen V.  
Pippitt, Dale and Carla

Piva, Bob  
Piva, Bruno  
Platts, Bill  
Platts, Terry N.  
Pook, Robert  
Poorman, Paul  
Posey, Allan and Juanita  
Poulton, Ralph and Mike  
Powers, Robert F.  
Powers, Jim and Rozann  
Pressley, Peter  
Price, Bill  
Prunty, Jim  
Pugsley, Helen H.

## **Q**

## **R**

Rainey, Brock  
Ralls, Ray  
Ranstrom, Larry  
Ravenscroft, Vernon  
Reay, Bruce  
Reay, Tye A.  
Reed, Rex  
Reing, William  
Reingold, Ben  
Renstrom, Richard  
Reynolds, Alan  
Rice, John and Inez  
Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie  
Richerson, David  
Riffel, Brad  
Rinker, Harry  
Ritter, Paul  
Robinson, Jerry L.  
Rodriguez, Norberto F.  
Ros, Jeanette  
Ross, Dana J.  
Ross, Dana Joe  
Rose, Gary and Brent  
Ross, Rick and Randy  
Roth, Char  
Rubert, Jack  
Ruffing, Mayme

Ruple, John  
Russell, George C.  
Rust, Mike  
Ryberg, Erik

## **S**

Saleen, Danny  
Sands, Alan  
Sautner, Don  
Sawin, Ken  
Scheer, Kathy  
Schmidt, Helena  
Schreiter, Mark  
Schutte, Robert and Twig  
Schwenkfelder, Royce  
Schwobauer, Jered  
Scott, Don  
Seal, Ray  
Sears, Wallace and Toyia  
Seid, Kenneth  
Seiffert, Jerry  
Selin, Art  
Shapiro, Natalie  
Shaw, Curtiss L.  
Shaw, Regina  
Shepherd, Charles  
Sherer, Jerry  
Sheridan, James and Dorothy  
Shields, Daniel  
Shirts, Frank Jr.  
Shumway, Steven and Elsie  
Silver, Perry  
Skippen, Kathy  
Slansky, Cyril  
Smith, Greg  
Smith, Jacob  
Smith, Thurlow and Mary  
Spackman, John and Son  
Spalding, Curt  
Spencer, Carl and Stanley  
Spiker, Vaughn and Sharon  
Sprung, Gary  
Stahl, Mark  
Stallsmith, David A.  
Smith, Jacob

Smith, Greg  
Stark, Frank  
Stark, Mark  
Stephen, Bruce  
Stevens, Larry and Jason  
Stewart, Clayton and Vera  
Stewart, Mike  
Stippich, Merrill  
Stockham, Judith  
Stockwell, M.R.  
Stone, Larry and Nan  
Storbie, Erick  
Stradley, Steve  
Sturdy, Carl  
Sutton, John  
Sutton, Tom  
Swanson, John R.  
Swift, Larry and Janice

## **T**

Tain, Mitchel  
Teeter, Claire and Judy  
Thielen, Joe  
Thomas, Dick  
Thomas, Lance  
Thompkins, Ken  
Thorsen, Steve  
Thurston, Trent  
Titus, Gordon  
Tobias, Nelle  
Tompkins, Joel  
Townley, Jim  
Tracy, Ted K.  
Tullis, Julie A.  
Twitchell, Joseph W.  
Tyler, Nancy

## **U**

Umbach, Cutler  
Umbra, Don  
Urquida, John

**V**

Vandenberg, Dick  
Van Der Meulen, Pete  
Vanert, Will  
Vaughn, Keith and Marvin  
Verschoor, Rudy  
Vetesy, Claudia  
Victory, Irene V.  
Volle, George  
Voss, Gerald

**W**

Wagner, Robert  
Walker, Jack  
Walker, Peter  
Walsh, Bill  
Wandrus, Steve  
Ward, Charles and Janet  
Ward, Douglas  
Ward, Hubert  
Ward, Olen and Lorraine  
Ward, Paul and Beverly  
Ward, Richard and Cindy  
Ward, Roscoe and Joyce  
Warden, Harry  
Warthen, Earl L.  
Wassmuth, James  
Watts, Barbara  
Weaver, Jim  
Weaver, Peggy  
Webb, Brad  
Webb, Tom  
Weeks, Bob  
Wells, K.  
Westmoreland, Ether and Lance  
Whitaker, Art and Larene  
Whitaker, Denton and Cleta  
Whitaker, R. Whit  
Whitaker, Wayne and Lois  
White, Jon  
Wickel, Eugene and Wynell  
Wickel, William K.  
Wiles, Wilbur  
Williams, Charles

Williams, Jack  
Williams, Jeff  
Williams, John  
Williams, Thomas and William  
Williamson, Linda  
Wilson, Peggy  
Wilson, Randy  
Wonderlich, Lyle E.  
Wood, McKeen  
Wood-McKean, Susan  
Wright, Jerry  
Wright, Toddy and Cindy  
Wurster, Jane  
Wylie, Nickolas Ashton

**XYZ**

Yamamoto, Gary  
Yantis, Jack and Donna  
Yates, Clinton and Phyllis  
Young, Harold  
Zavada, Paul  
Zavison, Jennifer  
Zollinger, Roland L.  
Zollinger, Orson  
Zuck, Don

**The Southwest Idaho Ecogroup Forest Plan Revision Team either contacted or received input from the following agencies, representatives, and organizations during the development of the Forest Plans and EIS.**

## **FEDERAL AGENCIES**

Bonneville Power Administration  
Bureau of Indian Affairs  
Bureau of Land Management  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Federal Highway Administration  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Park Service  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Office of General Counsel  
USDA Agriculture Research Station  
USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service  
USDA Forest Service  
U.S. Geological Survey

## **STATE REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS**

Judith Danielson  
Jim Kempton

## **U.S. SENATE**

Senator Mike Crapo  
Senator Larry Craig

## **U.S. REPRESENTATIVES**

Representative Helen Chenoweth  
Representative Mike Simpson

## **AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS**

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho  
Nez Perce Tribe  
Nez Perce Tribal Executive Council  
NW Band of the Shoshoni Nation  
Shoshone Bannock Tribes  
Shoshone Paiute Tribes

## **STATE AGENCIES**

Bureau of Land Management  
Idaho Conservation Data Center  
Idaho Department of Agriculture  
Idaho Department of Commerce  
Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare-DEQ  
Idaho Department of Lands  
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation  
Idaho Department of Transportation-Aeronautics  
Idaho Department of Water Resources  
Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board  
Idaho State Historic Preservation Office  
Office of the Governor  
Soil Conservation Service  
Utah Division of State History  
Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

Ada County, Idaho  
Adams County, Idaho  
Blaine County, Idaho  
Boise County, Idaho  
Box Elder County, Utah  
Camas County, Idaho  
Cassia County, Idaho  
Custer County, Idaho  
Elmore County, Idaho  
Gem County, Idaho  
Gooding County, Idaho  
Idaho County, Idaho  
Minidoka County, Idaho  
Power County, Idaho  
Twin Falls County, Idaho  
Valley County, Idaho  
Washington County, Idaho

## INTEREST GROUPS, BUSINESSES, ORGANIZATIONS

### A

A. L. Cattle, Inc.  
Ada County Fish and Game League  
Adams County Land Use  
Adkins Construction  
Airtouch Cellular  
Aldecoa and Son, Inc.  
Alliance for the Wild Rockies  
American Adrenaline Co., Inc.  
American Wildlands  
Anchustegui Sheep Company  
Anderson Ranch  
Arimo Corporation  
Arrow A Ranch, Limited Partnership  
Associated Logging Contractors

### B

Back Country Horsemen of Utah  
Bacon Valley Ranches, Inc.  
Baker Ranch Partnership  
Banks Cattle Assn  
Banks Store & Café  
Basin Cattlemen  
Baum Shelter  
Bauscher Ranch, Inc.  
Bear Valley Grazing Assn  
Beck and Baird  
Big Payette Lake Water Quality  
Bill Mason Outfitters  
Biodiversity Legal Foundation  
Blue Ribbon Coalition  
Boise Basin Snowmobile Club  
Boise Basin Trailbreakers  
Boise Cascade Corporation  
Boise County Coalition  
Boise Ridge Riders AMA  
Boise Valley Fly Fishermen  
Bogus Basin Recreation Assn  
Bogus Basin Ski Resort  
Bogus Creek Outfitters

Boren Outdoor Adventures  
Boulder-White Clouds Council  
Bradshaw Firewood  
Branch Ranch  
Broken Diamond Ranch  
Bronson Sheep & Cattle  
Brown's Industries, Inc.  
Brundage Mountain Company

### C

CRITFC  
Cache Peak Back Country Horsemen  
Caldwell First Baptist Church  
Carlson Livestock  
Carter Logging, Inc.  
Cassia County Public Lands  
Commission  
Cat Track Outfitter  
Cattle, Inc.  
Cawala Industries  
Chamberlain Basin Outfitters  
City of Rocks National Reserve  
Clear Valley Ranch  
Columbia Helicopters  
Committee for Idaho High Desert  
Columbia Helicopters  
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish  
Commission  
Cougar Mountain Snowmobile  
Cove/Mallard Coalition  
Cross O Ranch  
Cuddy Mountain Water Users

### D

D Bar W Land and Cattle Co.  
Daddy Del's LLC  
Dames and Moore  
Danskin Cattle Co.  
David Little Farms, Inc.  
Deer Creek Lodge, Inc.

Diamond A Livestock  
Double Diamond Ranch  
Downstream Water Affected Neighbor

**E**

Edaw, Inc.  
Elmore Soil Conservation District  
Elquist Ranches, Inc.  
Everett Coates Estate  
Evergreen Forest Products  
E. K. Allen Ranches, Inc.  
Elquist Ranches, Inc.

**F**

Fall Creek Outfitters  
Far and Away Adventures  
Faulkner Land and Livestock Co., Inc.  
Flat Top Sheep Co.  
Flying Resort Ranches, Inc.  
Flying Triangle, Inc.  
Ford Ranch, Inc.  
Forest Guardians and FCC  
Friends of Alpine/Nordic Winter Sports  
Friends of Lime Creek  
Friends of Weiser River Trail  
Furey and Racine

**G**

Gary Rose and Sons Ranch  
Gem State Fly Fishers  
Gray's Creek Ranch  
Greylock Mountain Company  
Guy Bennett Lumber Co.  
Guy Harris and Son Lumber Co.

**H**

H-Hook Ranch  
Half Moon Ranch  
Hammett Livestock Co.  
Hanging Valley Ranch, Inc.  
Hantamaki Logging

Harrington and Son, Inc.  
Haw Creek Ranch  
Headwaters River Company  
Heaton Limited Family Partnership  
Heaven's Gate Outfitters, Inc.  
Hell's Canyon NRA  
Henderson Ranches  
High Country River Rafters  
High Desert Backcountry Horsemen  
High Mountain Trail Machine Assn  
Highland Livestock and Land Co.  
Hixon Properties, Inc.  
Holland and Hart  
Howe Forest Genetics Consulting

**I**

IGPA  
ISSA-WWA-AMA  
IWIT  
Idaho Alpine Club  
Idaho Association of Counties  
Idaho ATV Assn  
Idaho Aviation Assn  
Idaho Backcountry Horsemen  
Idaho Cattle Association  
Idaho Conservation League  
Idaho Council on Industry and Environment  
Idaho Environmental Council  
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation  
Idaho Fish and Game Commission  
Idaho Forest Products Commission  
Idaho Foresters  
Idaho Land and Livestock  
Idaho Mining Assn  
Idaho Outfitters and Guides Assn  
Idaho Power Company  
Idaho Rangeland Resources Commission  
Idaho Regular Baptist Camp  
Idaho Rivers United  
Idaho Ski Area Assoc. c/o Bogus Basin  
Idaho Sporting Congress  
Idaho State Snowmobile Assn  
Idaho Statesman  
Idaho Timber Corporation



Idaho Whitewater Assn  
Idaho Wildlife Federation  
Idaho Women in Timber  
Idaho Woolgrowers Assn  
Ikola Logging  
Indian Grove Outfitters  
Indian Mountain Cattle Assn  
Ingram Warm Springs  
Intermountain Forest Industries Assn  
Ireland Ranches, Inc.

**J**

J.D. Aldecoa and Son, Inc.  
J.E. Tracy, Inc.  
J.I. Morgan, Inc.  
J-P Ranch, Inc.  
Jensen Logging  
Jerusalem Cattle Company  
Jones and Sons, Inc.  
Juniper Mountain Outfitter

**K**

KBCI TV  
KBSU  
KTVB TV  
KWEI  
Kinsey Family Limited Partnership  
Korell Outfitters

**L**

L G Davison and Sons, Inc.  
L & L, Inc.  
Lazy J Outfitters, Inc.  
Lazy 8 Land and Livestock  
Lee Daniel Logging  
Letitia Palmer Family Partnership  
Little Land and Livestock Co.  
Little Wood River Outfitters  
Lord Ranch  
Louisiana Pacific  
Luther College  
Luther Heights Camp

**M**

M Bar Ranch  
M Dee Kunzler and Sons Ranches  
MacGregor Land and Livestock  
Magic Valley Snowmobile Club  
Magic Valley Trail Machine Assn  
Mason Cattle Company  
Magic Mountain Resort  
Mammoth Mines Group  
Mathers Ranch, Inc.  
Matthews Bros. Inc.  
Maxim Technologies  
Mile Hi Outfitters  
Mile High Outfitters of Idaho, Inc  
Mile High Shuttle and Tours  
Miller and Sons Ranch  
Mink Land and Livestock Co  
Moore Smith Buxton and Turke  
Moses Cattle Company  
Mountain Bird, Inc.  
Muldoon Grazing Assn  
Mountain Fir Chip Co.

**N**

NOHVCC  
NW Timber Workers Resource Council  
National Wild Turkey Federation  
National Wildlife Federation  
Neighbors of Cuddy Mountain  
New Deer Creek, Inc.  
Nichols Expeditions, Inc.  
Noh Sheep Co.  
North Powder Lumber  
North Shore Lodge  
Northside Snow Riders  
Northwest Mining Assn  
Northwest Power Planning Council

**O**

OV Ranch  
Olk Construction  
Oneida Farms, Inc.  
Osborn Ranch, Inc.  
OX Ranch

**P**

Pacific Crest Outward Bound  
Pacific Rivers Council  
Paradise Inn  
Payette Lakes Ski Club, Inc.  
Payette NF Grazing Assn  
Payroll America  
Penta Post Company Inc.  
Penta Post and Treating Co.  
People for the USA  
Perkins and Coie Law Firm  
Pickett Ranch & Sheep Co.  
Picketts and Sons  
Pine Lodge  
Pleasant Valley Grazing Assn  
Pocatello Trail Machine Assn  
Pomerelle  
Prawl Communications  
Producers Lumber Co.

**Q**

Quaker Hill Conference

**R**

Redfish Lake Lodge  
Rice Logging  
Richard Barnes Estate  
River Publishing  
Rocky Mountain Log Homes  
Russell Corporation

**S**

SAIC  
SITPA  
S Diamond Cattle Company  
S S Cattle Co.  
SVA, Inc.  
Salmon Air Taxi  
Salmon Falls Land and Livestock  
Salmon Intermountain Inc  
Salmon River Electric Coop  
Salmon River Lodge  
Save Our Wild Salmon  
Sawtooth Mountain Guides  
Sawtooth Rangers Riding Club  
Sawtooth Rentals  
Sawtooth Sheep Inc  
Sawtooth Society  
Sawtooth Wilderness Outfitters  
Sawtooth Wildlife Council  
Schorzman Ranch, Inc.  
Secesh Meadows Property Owners Assn  
Sheperd Sawmill  
Shirts Brothers  
Shoulder 3 "Ranches Inc,"  
Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund  
Sierra Club Middle Snake Group  
Signal American  
Silver Creek Plunge  
Simplot Livestock Co  
Simpson Thatcher and Bartlett  
Smoky Mountain Outfitters  
Snake River Bassmasters  
Snowbank Outfitters  
Soldier Mountain Enterprises  
Soulen Livestock Co.  
South Idaho Press  
Southwest Idaho RC&D  
Spencer Brothers  
Spirit Wind Tours  
Steel Mountain Outfitters  
Stringer Brothers  
Sun Valley Co., Inc.  
Sun Valley Heli Ski Guides  
Sun Valley Outfitters  
Sun Valley Paragliding

Sun Valley Single Track  
Sun Valley Trekking  
SW Idaho Mountain Biking Assn

**T**

T Avery Flyfishing Outfitters  
TV Backcountry Horsemen  
TVTMA  
The Ecology Center  
The Flying W  
The Lands Council  
The River Company  
Three Rivers Timber  
Thursday Sage Riders  
Timber Data Company  
Toone Ranches  
Towle Outfitters  
Trail Quest, Inc.  
Treasure Valley Trail Machine Assn  
Triangle C Ranch  
Tugaw Ranch Company  
Two M River Outfitters, Inc.

**U**

USMX  
US Cellular  
US West

**V**

Valley Ranch Outfitters  
Valley Soil and Water Conservation  
Venture Outdoors

**W**

W T Williams, Inc.  
Wapiti Meadows Ranch  
War Eagle Peak Outfitters  
Warm Lake Lodge and Resort  
Water's Edge RV Park  
Weatherby Mining Co.  
Western Forest Industries Assn  
Western Spirit Cycling

Western Stockgrowers Assn, Inc.  
White Cloud Outfitters  
Wild Horse River  
Wild Idaho  
Wilderness Society  
Wilderness Watch  
Wildlife Management Institute  
Willey Ranch Outfitters  
Winecup, Inc.  
Wolf Springs Ranch  
Wood River Journal  
Wood River Outfitters LLC  
Woodcreek Livestock  
Wrigley Ranches

**XYZ**

YC Cattle Company

### Comment Period Extended

On March 9, 2001, the Forests received a copy of a letter addressed to Regional Forester Jack Blackwell asking for a 90-day extension to the comment period deadline. The letter was from several organizations including the Intermountain Forest Industry Association, Northwest Timber Workers Association, and four other groups. These organizations cited several reasons for requesting the extension, including more time to evaluate the Roadless Area Conservation Initiative, the Roads Policy, the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, and the 2000 wildfires as they related to the Draft EIS. On March 14, 2001, a 90-day extension was granted, extending the comment period deadline to June 15, 2001.

News releases distributed to the media concerning the comment period extension included:

- March 14, 2001 – “*Comment Period Extended for Southwest Idaho National Forest Plan Revisions*”
- June 8, 2001 – “*Extended Forest Plan Comment Period Deadline is June 15, 2001*”

### Step 2 - Participation Opportunities for the Draft Forest Plans and EIS

Ten public information and workshop sessions were held throughout southern Idaho, followed by **six** formal hearings.

#### Public information and workshop sessions were held in:

• Twin Falls	January 8, 2001	25 attendees
• Burley	January 9, 2001	21 attendees
• Ketchum	January 10, 2001	16 attendees
• Challis	January 11, 2001	4 attendees
• Idaho City	January 11, 2001	12 attendees
• McCall	January 16, 2001	19 attendees
• Council	January 17, 2001	10 attendees
• Cascade	January 18, 2001	31 attendees
• Boise	January 20, 2001	9 attendees
• Emmett	January 22, 2001	14 attendees

**Formal hearings were held in:**

• Twin Falls	January 23, 2001	28 attendees
• Ketchum	January 25, 2001	20 attendees
• Emmett	January 29, 2001	8 attendees
• Boise	January 30, 2001	47 attendees
• Council	February 1, 2001	6 attendees
• McCall	February 6, 2001	24 attendees

The Ecogroup received 3,605 responses, including transcripts from formal public hearings, letters, electronic-mailings, and faxes on the Draft documents (refer to the project record). The responses were analyzed using the content analysis process by a specialized Forest Service unit, the Content Analysis Team (CAT).

Content analysis is a method used to analyze public comment. For analyzing comments on the Draft Forest Plans and EIS, both qualitative and quantitative approaches were employed. It is a systematic process designed to distinguish specific comments in each letter received, evaluate similar comments from different responses, and from those identify specific concerns.

In general, those submitting comments fall roughly into two groups: those who favor an emphasis on restoration management, and those who favor an emphasis on active management, including continued emphasis on commodity production. Those who favor restoration express particular concern over the need to restore and preserve riparian and aquatic resources. These people expressed concern over the perceived negative impacts of developed activities, such as road building, timber harvest, mining, livestock grazing, and motorized recreation. They believe strict management, with strongly and precisely worded standards and guidelines, are necessary to rein in these activities. Some also accused the three Forests of not taking restoration seriously enough since, in their opinion, the Preferred Alternative would still allow too much harmful management activity.

Those favoring active management, including an emphasis on commodity production, are not opposed to restoration, per se. Where the difference occurs is in what they believe is necessary to achieve and maintain the well being of the Forests. These people often argue that mechanical thinning is necessary to stave off uncharacteristic wildfires. Some claim that unless timber harvest is actively employed as a management tool, it will only be a matter of time before the Forests burn down completely. These people also point to their economic dependence on continued commodity production. They argue that it is unrealistic to assume that small, rural communities can transform themselves from resource-based to recreation-based economies without suffering a decrease in quality of life. They believe that service industry jobs afforded by a recreation-based economy tend to be seasonal and do not pay as well as timber-related jobs.

Both groups of commenters agree in their desire to see the Forests maintained and preserved in a healthy state. They all want clean water, healthy vegetation, and secure, productive habitat for aquatic and terrestrial species. They are divided, however, both in the perception of how developed activities impact these values, and in their perception of how management of these activities will impact small, rural communities. One group believes developed activities pose unacceptable risks to forest resources, and reducing (or eliminating) them will have minimal impacts on rural communities in the long run. The second group of commenters believes developed activities do not pose unacceptable risks to forest resources. They believe developed activities are beneficial, or at worst can be acceptably mitigated, and reducing them will cause devastating effects to rural communities.

### **Step 3: Significant Issues**

The significant issues identified through the scoping process were reviewed and edited as necessary in direct response to comments received on the draft documents. (Refer to Chapter 1 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for a complete discussion of the final identification of significant issues used for the FEIS.)

**The significant issues identified cover the following topics:**

- 1) Air Quality and Smoke Management
- 2) Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat and Species
- 3) Vegetation Diversity
- 4) Vegetation Hazard
- 5) Non-Native Plants
- 6) Fire Management
- 7) Rangeland Resources
- 8) Timber Resources
- 9) Recreation
- 10) Scenic Environment
- 11) Cultural Resources
- 12) Tribal Rights and Interests
- 13) Roads
- 14) Inventoried Roadless Areas
- 15) Wilderness
- 16) Wild and Scenic Rivers
- 17) Socio-Economic Environment

**Comment letters were received from the following Federal, State, and local agencies, Tribes, and elected officials:**

**FEDERAL AGENCIES**

US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10  
USDI, Bureau of Reclamation  
Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

**STATE AGENCIES**

Idaho Department of Agriculture  
Idaho Transportation Department, Aeronautics  
Idaho Department of Fish and Game  
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
Idaho Department of Lands  
Idaho State Parks and Recreation  
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

**TRIBES**

Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee  
Shoshone-Paiute Tribe

**COUNTIES**

Adams County Commissioners  
Blaine County Commissioners  
Cassia County Commissioners  
Custer County Commissioners  
Gem County Commissioners  
Valley County Commissioners  
Washington County Commissioners

**CITIES**

Boise Parks and Recreation  
City of McCall  
Council Chamber of Commerce

**ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Cynthia McKinney, Congressman  
Wendy Jaquet, District 21  
Leland Heinrich, Valley County Clerk

## Step 4 – Clarifying Information for Development of the Final Forest Plans and EIS

The following is a list of meetings/briefings held during development of the Final Plans and Final EIS:

Date	Location	Meeting With
<b>Between Draft and Final</b>		
11/6/00	Boise, Idaho	Documents mailed to the public
11/13/00	Boise, Idaho	Notice to EPA in DC
11/14/00	Ketchum, Idaho	Blaine Co. Commissioners
11/19/00	Gooding, Idaho	Gooding Co. Commissioners
11/24/00	Boise, Idaho	Notice of Availability in Federal Register
11/27/00	Idaho City, Idaho	Boise Co. Commissioners
11/27-29/00	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 Consultation (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
12/11/00	Twin Falls and Burley, Idaho	Livestock Permittees
12/15/00	Boise, Idaho	Interagency/Tribal briefing/review
12/18/00	Boise, Idaho	NW Timber Workers Resource Council
1/4/01	Boise, Idaho	Idaho DEQ
1/8/01	Twin Falls, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/9/01	Burley, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/10/01	Ketchum, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/11/01	Challis, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/11/01	Idaho City, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/13/01	Boise, Idaho	ICBEMP
1/16/01	McCall, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/17/01	Council, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/18/01	Cascade, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/19/01	Boise, Idaho	Wings and Roots Native American Campfire
1/20/01	Emmett, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/20/01	Boise, Idaho	Public Meeting
1/23/01	Twin Falls, Idaho	Public Hearing
1/25/01	Ketchum, Idaho	Public Hearing
1/25/01	Boise, Idaho	Idaho Fish & Game Dept.
1/29/01	Boise, Idaho	Idaho DEQ
1/29/01	Emmett, Idaho	Public Hearing
1/30/01	Boise, Idaho	Public Hearing
1/30/01	Boise, Idaho	Public Hearing for Agencies/Tribes/Elected Officials
2/1/01	Council, Idaho	Public Hearing
2/5/01	Boise, Idaho	Mountain West Outdoor Club
2/6/01	McCall, Idaho	Public Hearing
2/12/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/14/01	Burley, Idaho	Cassia County Public Lands Commission
2/15/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/16/01	Boise, Idaho	Wings and Roots Native American Campfire



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2/20/01	Boise, Idaho	Boise Cascade Corporation and Intermountain Forest Assn.
2/21/01	Boise, Idaho	Socio-Econ Review with Agencies, Tribes and Elected Officials
2/23/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/28/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
3/2/01	Fort Hall, Idaho	Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
3/9/01	Boise, Idaho	Idaho DEQ
3/12/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
3/15/01	Boise, Idaho	DEQ/EPA
3/16/01	Boise, Idaho	Wings and Roots Native American Campfire
4/3/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
4/5/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
4/16/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
5/2/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
5/8-9/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
5/11/01	Boise, Idaho	DEQ/EPA
5/17-18/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
5/29/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
6/15/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
6/15/01	Boise, Idaho	Wings and Roots Native American Campfire
6/26/01	Boise, Idaho	Idaho State Snowmobile Assn.
7/2/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
7/9/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
7/19/01	Boise, Idaho	Wings & Roots Native American Campfire
7/26/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
8/29/01	McCall, Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe
9/18/01	Lapwai, Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe
9/20/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
9/21/01	Boise, Idaho	Wings and Roots Native American Campfire
10/29/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
11/1/01	Conf Call	Nez Perce Tribe
11/6/01	McCall, Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe
11/15/01	Lowman, Idaho	Salmon-Challis NF - FC-RONR
12/4/01	Boise, Idaho	Idaho Conservation League and Wilderness Society
12/5-6/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
12/13/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
12/17-18/01	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
1/8-9/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
1/15/02	Conf Call	Salmon-Challis NF – FC-RONR
1/23-24/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
1/28/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/5-6/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/8/02	McCall, Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe
2/20-21/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)

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3/11/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
3/28/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
4/4/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
4/9/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
4/11/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
4/17/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
4/23/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
5/2/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
5/8/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
5/20-22/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
6/4/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
6/17/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
6/18/02	Conf Call	Nez Perce Tribe
7/3/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
7/9/02	Lapwai, Idaho	Nez Perce Tribe – Formal Consultation
7/24-26/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
7/30/02	Boise, Idaho	Levels 1 and 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
8/7/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
8/13/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
9/5-6/02	Boise, Idaho	Levels 1 and 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
9/11/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
9/12-13/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
9/25/02	Boise, Idaho	Levels 1 and 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
9/26/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
9/27/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
10/2/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 1 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
10/17/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
10/31/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
11/1/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
11/19-20/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
11/26/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
12/11/02	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
1/9/03	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/3-4/03	Boise, Idaho	Levels 1 and 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/10/03	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/14/03	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/20/03	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
2/26/03	Boise, Idaho	Level 2 (FS, USFWS, NMFS)
4/1/03	Idaho City, Idaho	Boise Co. Commissioners
4/3/03	Twin Falls, Idaho	Regional Office Review Team
4/7/03	Cascade, Idaho	Valley Co. Commissioners
4/14/03	Council, Idaho	Adams Co. Commissioners
4/14/03	Burley, Idaho	Cassia Co. Commissioners
4/21/03	Emmett, Idaho	Gem Co. Commissioners
4/21/03	Grangeville, Idaho	Idaho Co. Commissioners
4/23/03	Fort Hall, Idaho	Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
4/28/03	Ogden, Utah	Regional Forester
4/28/03	Mountain Home, Idaho	Elmore Co. Commissioners
5/7/03	Washington, DC	Chief, Executive Team, NFS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Meeting With</b>
5/7/03	Washington, DC	Undersecretary – Natural Resources and Environment
5/8/03	Washington, DC	WO Staff and Idaho Delegation
5/12/03	Weiser, Idaho	Washington Co. Commissioners
5/14/03	Boise, Idaho	USFWS
5/19/03	Ketchum, Idaho	Blaine Co. Commissioners
5/19/03	Boise, Idaho	NMFS
5/22/03	Boise, Idaho	NMFS
5/23/03	Boise, Idaho	USFWS
5/28/03	Boise, Idaho	USFWS
5/30/03	Boise, Idaho	NMFS
5/30/03	Fort Hall, Idaho	Shoshone Bannock Tribe
6/4/03	Boise, Idaho	NMFS

## Step 5 – Release of the Final Land and Resource Management Plans and Environmental Impact Statement

Public release of the revised Final Forest Plans and EIS is expected in August 2003. A news conference is planned in Boise to announce the release and availability of the documents. The Forests expect to publish a legal notice and a Notice of Availability on August 8, 2003 in the Federal Register to begin the 90-day appeal period.

Throughout the project, Forest Service employees were available to groups and organizations for briefings to help them better understand the documents. Forest Service employees will continue to be available upon request.

All documents and maps will be available at [www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth](http://www.fs.fed.us/r4/sawtooth). Documents and CDs can also be obtained at the following locations:

<b>Boise National Forest</b>	<b>Payette National Forest</b>	<b>Sawtooth National Forest</b>
Supervisor's Office 1249 S. Vinnell Way, Suite 200 Boise, ID 83709 208-373-4100	Supervisor's Office 800 W. Lakeside Avenue P.O. Box 1026 McCall, ID 83638 208-634-0700	Supervisor's Office 2647 Kimberly Road East Twin Falls, ID 83301-7976 208-737-3200
Mountain Home Ranger District 2180 American Legion Boulevard Mountain Home, ID 83647 208-587-7961	Council Ranger District 500 East Whitely Avenue P.O. Box 567 Council, ID 83612 208-253-0100	Minidoka Ranger District 3650 South Overland Avenue Burley, ID 83318-3242 208-678-0430
Idaho City Ranger District P.O. Box 129, Highway 21, Milepost 38.3 Idaho City, ID 83631 208-392-6681	Weiser Ranger District 851 East 9 Street Weiser, ID 83672 208-549-4200	Ketchum Ranger District P.O. Box 2356 Ketchum, ID 83340 208-622-5371
Cascade Ranger District P.O. Box 696 540 North Main Street Cascade, ID 83611 208-382-7400	New Meadows Ranger District 3674 Highway 95 P.O. Box J New Meadows, ID 83654 208-347-0300	Sawtooth National Recreation Area HC 64, Box 8291 Ketchum, ID 83340 208-727-5000
Lowman Ranger District 7359 Highway 21 Lowman, ID 83637 208-259-3361	Krassel Ranger District 500 North Mission P.O. Box 1026 McCall, ID 83638 208-634-0600	Sawtooth National Recreation Area Stanley Office HC 64, Box 9900 Stanley, ID 83278 208-774-3000
	McCall Ranger District 102 Lake Street P.O. Box 1026 McCall, ID 83638 208-634-0400	Fairfield Ranger District P.O. Box 189 Fairfield, ID 83327 208-764-3202